



**AT A GLANCE:**  
Woodkirk batsman Patrick Hinchliffe aims a leg glance to this delivery against East Ardsley A. (26070885)

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# Woodkirk defeat opens up title race

**TOP** of the table **WOODKIRK** suffered a setback in their CYL Division Two title bid when they lost their local derby at home to **EAST ARDSLEY A.**

The result really opened up the promotion race and even East Ardsley A, in fifth place, are still very much in the frame after they closed to within eight points of their local rivals as a result of their seven-wicket victory on Saturday.

Woodkirk went in first and were soon two wickets down with Moosa Bhoola and Arshad Navsarka out cheaply to the bowling of Mick Pearson.

Gary Close (13) and Mushtaq Navsarka (24) briefly raised hopes, but at 50-5 the hosts knew they were in trouble.

They never really got out of it, although Munaf Navsarka battled away for 21, and they were all out for only 104.

Mick Pearson claimed the first three wickets to take 3-36 while Gary Jeffers cleaned up the tail with 3-8 and there were two wickets for Chris Towell plus one for Danny Walker.

Ardsley's reply was



**DELIVERY TIME:** Chris Towell delivers the ball on his way to taking 2-17 for East Ardsley A in their win at Woodkirk. (26070884)

dominated by opener Julian Smith, initially in a 57-run opening stand with Robin Long (10).

Garry Dawber claimed 3-29 in 11.3 overs as Woodkirk aimed to hit back, but with Smith remaining at

the crease throughout the visitors were always in charge and they reached the target in the 33rd over with seven wickets to spare. Smith finished on 72 not out.

Despite the defeat

Woodkirk stayed on top of the table, but after two straight losses they are now coming under pressure and they have played a game more than second-placed Gildersome.

**WOODKIRK** A climbed the Division Four table after a three-wicket win away to **HUNSLET NELSON A.**

Set 129 for victory, they were put well on course by successive stands of 51 and 66 involving Dave Pickard (37), Shoaib Dadiwala (18) and Mark Addinall (50).

But a collapse from 117-2 to 126-7 saw them suddenly struggle and they limped over the line to reach their target in the 39th over.

Steve Burton, with 3-5, and Brian Calverley, 2-12, proved the pick of a Nelson attack that saw them go through eight bowlers before they found the late success.

Hunslet's innings of 128-9 had earlier included contributions of 20 from Andy McIntosh, 18 not out from Calverley and 17 by Oliver Newton while Ashraf Navsarka, Simon Parkinson, Ashley Coffey and Pickard all claimed two wickets each for Woodkirk.